

# Cougar Tracks

2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR

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Dear Parents,

When someone goes into school administration, one never dreams of having to deal with the family tragedy we dealt with yesterday. When something like this happens, priorities change a bit. Due to this, this is why you are receiving everything via email instead of a paper Cougar Express. I do hope you take the time to open all attachments. The counselors told us today, we must move forward and try to keep things on schedule.

Many have asked how to help the family. At this time, a GoFundMe account has been set-up. I will attach the link at the end of this letter. Some parents have asked if they can do things through the school channels. If you would like to donate in the office, we will make every donation available to the family. While funding necessary items is so important, I would ask that many conversations take place at your dinner tables. Walking your child through death and grief can be a taunting task.

While we are grieving for the lost members, we can't forget the 5<sup>th</sup> grader who must be wondering about his life ahead. Many of the students indicated today their sorrow on their inclusion of a new student to the school. I would ask parents to talk with their children, no matter the grade level, about acceptance of all individuals as gifts from God. Through religion and all classes, we work with students on empathy...empathy for all no matter the circumstances.

So often we ask our parents to follow the posted signs on Mountain View as a protection for our children. While this incident did not happen on Mountain View, I do wonder about those families, no matter their gender, culture, and status who feel the rules do not apply to them. As a community, we need to follow the rules put into place for the safety of our children.

Sadly, there are many rumors swirling around this incident. I do not think any of us know exactly what happened unless we witnessed it. If you hear something and want to know whether it is true, call the office. Nine times out of ten, we can help clarify things for you.

Secondly, to help our faculty and staff deal with this grief, we will NOT have school on Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup>. As many of you know, the faculty will be participating in parent teacher conferences Thursday afternoon/evening and Friday all day for students in the lower grade of a department. In consultation with Fr. Ron and now the raw emotions that are on campus, it was felt best for students, faculty and staff to add another day of rest and reflection. (Continued)

Preparing our students spiritually,  
academically & socially to take  
personal responsibility for a lifetime of  
faith, learning, leadership & service.



### Calendar Reminders:

<b>Thurs &amp; Fri, Oct. 12 &amp; 13</b>	Parent/Teacher Conferences
<b>Mon, Oct 16</b>	No School—Fall Break
<b>Tues, Oct 17</b>	No School—Day of Rest and Reflection
<b>Thur, Oct 19</b>	Pizza with the Principal 6:30pm Nicholson Hall
<b>Fri &amp; Sat, Oct 20 &amp; 21</b>	Fall Block Party
<b>Fri, Oct 27</b>	Halloween Parade

### Fruit of the Month:

*(Fruit of the Spirit)*

October: Self-Control

### Word of the Week:

**chosen**

[Jesus said to the chief priests and elders], "Many are invited, but few are **chosen**."

Matthew 22:14

### Thank you for the Tasty Treats!

Sarmiento Family  
Horn Family  
Vertes Family  
Lizarraga Family  
Hauer Family



\*Please fill out the pink form so we can thank you\*

As we move forward and follow the advice of our counselors, the weekend of the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> is our first St. Cyril School Block Party. The committee has been working hard to create an environment of good “old fashion” fun. The Haunted House is always a huge draw along with all the other events and attractions they have planned. There are numerous attachments included in this email asking for various types of help including volunteers, types of drink donations, cake donations and many more other avenues of assistance. Let us all come together to make this event a time of healing by playing and praying together.

Finally, I thank all the families and Tucson community at large that have stepped up to help the school during this time. I can't tell you the numerous calls, email messages, food, requests to help and notes sent to us. During the turbulent times in our world today, it is times such as yesterday that prove to all of us, there is far more good in this world than bad. Let us pray together that the good of the people will continue to outshine the evil.

My prayers continue to be sent to all,

Dr. Zeches

<https://www.gofundme.com/anna-ethan-mentzer>

## HALLOWEEN PARADE INFORMATION

The St. Cyril School Halloween Parade will be on Friday, October 27th. Students may wear their costume the entire day, or as directed by the individual departments. Parents are invited to attend! We will begin as close to 8 am as we can. Students will be “parading” just INSIDE the canopy pillars. Parents may stay on the OUTSIDE of the pillars.

Parents should be respectful of our community when choosing what costume their child will wear. There should be no violence, blood, weapons or too much “gore”. Face paint is allowed but should be kept to a minimum in kindergarten and primary. Once again, we ask that you leave all extreme goriness and weapons at home.

## FALL BLOCK PARTY COMING SOON!

*We are very excited about this event, please join us!*

*Mark your calendars—*

*Battle of the Bands on October 20th*

*Talent Show on October 21st*

*Looking forward to seeing you there!*

## PIZZA WITH THE PRINCIPAL

On October 19th at 6:30 pm, there will be Pizza with the Principal. It is an event where you can meet with Dr. Zeches to talk about the school and current events happening within our community. You are able to address general concerns and get to eat tasty pizza for dinner. This event replaces Pastries with the Principal for October. See you there!

## Prayer of the Week

### Prayer of Saint Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:  
where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so  
much seek  
to be consoled as to console,  
to be understood as to understand,  
to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal  
life.

Amen.

## DID YOU KNOW WE HAVE FACEBOOK?

Please like the school page (St. Cyril School)! Looking forward to connecting with you there.

<https://www.facebook.com/StCyrilSchool/>

## FUTURE KINDERS

If you have a child who would like to be considered for the 2018-19 Kindergarten class, applications are now being accepted. For an application, please stop by the office or visit our website at [www.stcyril.com](http://www.stcyril.com).

Applications can be found under Downloads. Please return the application with a copy of your child's birth certificate, baptismal certificate and the application fee of \$40.

Welcome, soon-to-be Cougar siblings:  
Laural L., Roman V., and Dylan T.

Please don't delay as we anticipate a waitlist for the coming school year.

## Talent Show Update...

The Talent Show has room for 8 more acts!  
Deadline to enter is Thursday October 19.